

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Social Services		(2) MEETING DATE May 2, 2006		(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Marie Absey 781-5822	
(4) SUBJECT Request to proclaim May 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Older Americans Month" and to receive and file the 2005 Annual Report by the Adult Services Policy Council.					
(5) SUMMARY OF REQUEST We request that the Board join the state and nation in proclaiming May 2006 as "Older Americans Month" for San Luis Obispo County and receive and file the 2005 Annual Report by the Adult Services Policy Council.					
(6) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to proclaim May 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Older Americans Month" and receive and file the 2005 Annual Report and presentation by the Adult Services Policy Council.					
(7) FUNDING SOURCE(S) N/A		(8) CURRENT YEAR COST N/A		(9) ANNUAL COST N/A	
(10) BUDGETED? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A					
(11) OTHER AGENCY/ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT (LIST): Public and private county agencies, and several groups and commissions as listed in the Board letter.					
(12) WILL REQUEST REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STAFF? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, How Many? _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Term _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Contract _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary Help _____					
(13) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) <input type="checkbox"/> 1st, <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd, <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd, <input type="checkbox"/> 4th, <input type="checkbox"/> 5th, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All			(14) LOCATION MAP <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		(15) Maddy Act Appointments Signed-off by Clerk of the Board <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
(16) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation: 15 minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. _____)			(17) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances (Orig + 4 copies) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(18) NEED EXTRA EXECUTED COPIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			(19) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
(20) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A			(21) W-9 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		(22) Agenda Item History <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date _____
(23) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW  <div style="text-align: center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">OK Don Burkski</div>					

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**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

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Leland W. Collins, Director

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Leland Collins, Director, Department of Social Services 

Date: May 2, 2006

Subject: Proclaim May 2006 as Older American Month  
2005 Annual Report of the Adult Services Policy Council

**Recommendation:**

Present resolution proclaiming the Month of May 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Older Americans Month"

Receive the annual report and presentation by the Adult Services Policy Council.

**Discussion:**

In April 1999, your Board formally recognized the Adult Services Policy Council as the countywide cooperative tasked with providing planning, development and system design, and service integration to improve and expand services for adults and seniors. Our target population is seniors and adults with disabilities who utilize publicly funded health and human services. At that time you asked that the Policy Council report to your Board on an annual basis.

Report is attached.

**Other Agency Involvement:**

The Department of Social Services provides a management employee to act as the Adult Services Coordinator, on ½ time basis.

The Adult Services Policy Council members represent more than 44 private, non-profit and public service providers; and boards and commissions.

**Boards and Commissions:**

Adult Abuse Prevention Council  
Commission on Aging  
Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board  
Health Commission  
HIV Prevention, Advocacy and  
Care Consortium

Homeless Services Coordinating Council  
Medical Society of San Luis Obispo  
Mental Health Board  
SLO Supportive Housing Consortium

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Non-Profit Agencies:

AIDS Support Network  
Area Agency on Aging  
Arroyo Grande Community Hospital  
Community Health Centers of the  
Central Coast  
Economic Opportunity Commission  
French Hospital Medical Center  
Hospice of San Luis Obispo County  
Hospice Partners of the Central Coast  
HOTLINE

Independent Living Resource Center  
Lifesteps Foundation  
LTC Ombudsman  
Senior Nutrition Program  
Senior Peer Counseling  
Senior Volunteer Services  
Transitions/Mental Health Association  
Tri-Counties Regional Center  
United Way of San Luis Obispo

Private Entities:

Bates Care Case Management  
Best Care  
Gentiva Health Care Systems

Sierra Vista Medical Center  
Twin Cities Community Hospital

Public Agencies:

Housing Authority  
IHSS Public Authority  
San Luis Obispo County Departments of:  
Behavioral Health / Drug and Alcohol Services  
Board of Supervisors  
County Administrative Office  
District Attorney's Office / Victim Witness Assistance Center  
Probation  
Public Health, Medical Services and Public Guardian  
Sheriff  
Social Services  
Veteran's Services

**Financial Considerations:**

The Policy Council is not requesting any funds at this time.

**Results:**

The activities of the Adult Services Policy Council improve the quality of life for seniors and adults with disabilities who utilize publicly funded health and human services.

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# ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL

Mission Statement: "Working together to meet the health and human service needs of adults and seniors."

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## Members

### Boards, Commissions and Community Groups

Adult Abuse Prevention Council  
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District Attorney / Victim Witness  
Assistance Center  
Probation  
Public Health, Medical Services & Public  
Guardian  
Sheriff  
Social Services  
Veteran's Services

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May 2, 2006

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors

May is Older Americans Month. We thank you for honoring the over 37,000 Older Americans who live in San Luis Obispo County, with this proclamation.

The Adult Services Policy Council continues to work toward creating a comprehensive and integrated health and human services system for seniors and adults with disabilities. We represent 44 public, non-profit, private organizations that provide direct services plus boards and commissions that advocate for the needs of adults and seniors.

As you know, the demand for services for this population will increase over the coming decades. The Policy Council is available to help you plan, develop, and operate services to meet this increasing need.

Please accept the attached 2005 Annual Report of the activities of the Adult Services Policy Council.

Sincerely



Cindy Marie Absey  
Chair

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## ADULT SERVICES POLICY COUNCIL 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

Each year, the number of seniors and adults with disabilities who reside in our county is increases. There are over 37,000 county residents who are 65 years of age or older and over 30,000 county residents with severe disabilities. Already, San Luis Obispo County has a larger percentage of persons over the age of 65 (14%) than the state average (11%). We are seeing evidence that the number of adults with disabilities (21 to 65 years of age) is also increasing. As we age we become more reliant on local health and human services. Because of the health and human services that we currently provide, adults with disabilities and seniors are able to continue to live in their homes, but the current services system will not be able to accommodate the needs of an increasing consumer population. Local and state governments will be stressed by the increased costs of caring for the aged and disabled.

(Sources: DATA BOOK, a Community Report on Seniors and Adults with Disabilities Who Live in San Luis Obispo County, produced by the Adult Services Policy Council and the Tribune February 16, 2006)

The mission of the Adult Services Policy Council members is to work together to find ways to meet the needs of this expanding target population. Our members represent forty-four (44) public, non-profit, and private services providers that provide health and human services, and boards and commissions that advocate for this population.

This year, the Policy Council focused its attention on three areas:

- Access to healthcare for low income adults and seniors with disabilities
- Disaster Preparedness
- Political advocacy

Monthly meetings have been used to educate the member representatives, to provide input on community initiatives, to educate elected officials on the needs of our target population, to discuss common concerns, to determine needed action and to work together to solve problems.

In the area of Healthcare, we have supported the County's effort to expand primary care services to low-income county residents through its contract with Community Health Centers. Community Health Centers (CHC) reports to the Policy Council on its current services and plans for expansion at each meeting. The County contract manager reports on CHC performance. Policy Council members provide feedback to CHC on any consumers who have difficulties accessing services, plus any geographic or specialty service gaps. Over the past year we have seen customer satisfaction with CHC services greatly improve. We want to thank the County for creating a healthcare "home" for many of our consumers.

The members provided input on the proposed Medi-Cal Managed Care system for San Luis Obispo County residents. One of our members participated on the Task Force. We were asked to be a focus group and give input on the County plan to implement the

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Mental Health Services Act. The members also received presentations on Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan, Veteran's Services, Parolee/Probationer Re-entry Services and Advanced Health Directives.

Disaster Preparedness was on everyone's mind. In particular, how do non-profit service providers utilize the emergency response system put in place by the County Office Emergency Services (OES). Both the Public Health Emergency Services Coordinator and OES staff came to the Policy Council to explain what is currently available and to listen to member concerns about isolated or disabled clients and residents of long-term care facilities. From those meetings, (and other community input) a countywide Emergency Response Task Force was formed. The Task Force is working to coordinate disaster preparedness for both the clients and the agencies that serve them. One aspect of the Task Force is to participate in a one-day training seminar for agencies and care facilities to provide education on disaster planning and effective evacuation methods.

The Policy Council has been active in supporting legislation that would help adults with disabilities and seniors. We met with representatives of our state and federal legislators to discuss with them the needs of adults and seniors. We explained to them the barriers to services that continue because of categorical funding and regulations. We produced advocacy materials to describe the impact of reduced funding in health and human services. Our consumers depend on these services meet their basic needs and remain living in their own homes. Most of our programs were able to maintain their current level of funding and services in 2005.

We continue to sponsor the Adult and Aging Multidisciplinary Team (AAMDT). The AAMDT has a team of programs supervisors from Public Health, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services, Adult Protective Services, the Public Guardian, and the Sheriff's Department who are available to meet with service providers, family members, neighbors, and consumers to help them determine the best case activities and case plan. The AAMDT has conducted 47 case consultations.

The Adult Services Policy Council will continue to act as a clearinghouse for information detailing the needs of adults and seniors, encourage prevention and early intervention, advocate for access to health and human services for our clients, encourage the development and implementation of integrated services, and support collaborative and comprehensive community initiatives, including public-private partnerships.

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**IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006

PRESENT: Supervisors

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY, 2006  
AS "SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY OLDER AMERICANS MONTH"**

The following resolution is hereby offered and read:

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 41<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965 which was created to improve the welfare of our nations' seniors and pays tribute to our senior citizens and their contributions to our Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans teach us the timeless lessons of courage, sacrifice, and love and by sharing their wisdom and experience, they serve as role models for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, our seniors deserve our greatest respect and their example shows us how to persevere in the face of hardship, care for others in need, and take pride in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, their patriotism, service and leadership inspire Americans and shape the character and future of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, millions of Americans are now living longer, more productive lives, and many are choosing to stay active in the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, senior citizens are also giving their time and talents by volunteering in many ways—from mentoring youth and participating in environmental stewardship projects to serving the homeless and assisting in emergency preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, in San Luis Obispo County, the Adult Service Policy Council (ASPC) is a countywide collaborative of over 40 local public, private and non-profit agencies and groups tasked with providing planning, development, systems design and service integration to improve services for seniors and adults with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the ASPC and other local agencies and groups serving seniors and adults with disabilities are commended for their efforts to improve the lives of older Americans; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that San Luis Obispo County proclaims May, 2006 as "San Luis Obispo County Older Americans Month" and so honors and values our older Americans who have made so many contributions to our society.

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call vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

**Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors**

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,                    )  
County of San Luis Obispo            )                    : ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, State of California, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of an order made by the Board of Supervisors, as the same appears spread upon their minute book.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, affixed this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(SEAL)

County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_

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